



# South Wellington Coin Society

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For Rockwood meeting of March 3rd we feature Norm Belsten of Toronto who will dazzle us with a "Timber Talk, Why You SHOULD Take Any Wooden Nickle". Norm began his numismatic career in 1964 collecting coinage, but graduated in 1969 when he bought his first wood, which he promptly displayed at a local coin show and won a first in the miscellaneous category. Encouraged by this reward, Norm displayed and collected woods throughout the 70's and 80's whenever given the opportunity. Not only has Norm displayed competitively but he was called to the court of honour at the Toronto International Coin Fair, TOREX and the Ontario Numismatic Association (this is where you are invited to display and given all the cases you need to make a large, complex display that is not judged).

Woods began to reach a fever pitch with Norm Belsten in the early seventies when he gave up mainstream numismatics and began to concentrate solely on collecting woods. He joined the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors as a Charter Member in 1974, serving as President for six years and a Governor for ten years. He was a Founding Member and President of the Southern Ontario Chapter of the Wooden Money Association in 1981, a group which has held "all wooden

money" conventions in Niagara Falls in 1988, 1990 and 1993.

Norm has also been active in the O.N.A. serving on a number of convention committees and Show Chairman in 1996.

Norm began a much needed Catalogue of Canadian Woods in 1988, which was first published in 1990, followed by several update supplements. He is currently working on a picture catalogue of woods.

After retirement in 1992, Norm began to manufacture woods and has over 300 different woods to his credit to date! His collection consists of over 5500 different Canadian Woods, a few thousand U.S.A. woods and a few foreign issues.

In 1997 Norm was awarded an Ontario Numismatic Association "Fellow Award" for his work in numismatics. Note that 1999 marks his 30th year of collecting woods: Expect a commemorative wood!

For our Guelph meeting on March 16th we feature Mister Numismatic, John Regitko of Toronto, who will enthrall the crowds with his talk "Odd and Curious Money" which will feature objects that have been utilized in past times as a form of exchange, but have been replaced by coin currency throughout the world now.

I was always told that wearing hats led to baldness, so I guess John Regitko is living proof of this theory, for John

has worn many hats in his numismatic career and is quite bald!

John has been active as a collector, show organizer, part-time dealer, and in the numismatic political world as ONA President, CNA President, Toronto Coin Club, Editor of many numismatic publications, Club services Chair both nationally and provincially and very involved in woods, errors, mint programs and educational symposiums. He has taught numismatic courses and been instrumental in the production of numismatic videos and slide presentations. He owned and operated the Toronto International Coin Fair for many years which was a favourite show of many numismatic interest groups, as it always promoted club space for meetings.

Eternally generous with time and money, John has been instrumental in distribution of numismatic literature to school coin clubs, local coin clubs and prizes at shows and meetings.

He has won every major accolade that the national and provincial clubs award!

A tireless promoter of numismatics, often standing in the background while others take the glory, John has become an icon in Canadian Numismatic history. Come out to this historical figure's excellent presentation!

### The Presidents Address

The first meeting of our second monthly meeting of the SWCS took place on Feb. 16th and was a relative success. For those members who may not know, your Club now meets twice a month, the first Wednesday and the

third Tuesday, in Rockwood and Guelph respectively.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome out newest member to SWCS, Jim Taylor of Guelph. I am sure Jim will not only get a lot out of our meetings but will also be able to add something to the flavor of our Club. "Welcome Jim".

I hope to see you all at our next meeting and look forward to hearing any new ideas that may come up in how we could run our Club even more efficiently with two monthly meetings now available for our members to enjoy.

Happy Collecting.  
Scott

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### Meetings

7:30 on the first Wed. of every Month  
at the Eramosa Community Library (Rockwood)

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AUCTION FOR WEDNESDAY MARCH 3rd 1999.

<u>LOT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>EST. VALUE</u>	<u>RESERVE</u>	<u>BID</u>
1.	CANADA 1912 Large Cent	13.00	6.50	
2.	CANADA 1910 10c	22.00	11.00	
3.	CANADA 1918 10c	15.00	7.50	
4.	CANADA 1891 5c Silver	7.00	3.50	
5.	CANADA 1943 25c	7.00	3.50	
6.	NEWFOUNDLAND 1936 LG. CENT	2.50	1.25	
7.	United States mint set 1993 1c-50c	??.??	2.50	
8.	United States Mercury Dimes 6pcs	??.??	4.00	
9.	United States Quarters 3pcs.	??.??	5.00	
10.	United States Barber Dimes 3pcs.	??.??	3.00	
11.	Bag of assorted silver coins 10pcs.	??.??	5.00	
12.	Molsons token (modern)	10.00	5.00	
13.	Cobalt, Ont. 1.5oz Silver Medal	20.00	10.00	
14.	Britains First Decimals-Plastic Wallet	5.00	2.50	
15.	CANADA 1994 Uncirculated Mint Set	10.00	5.00	
16.	CANADA 1995 Uncirculated Mint Set	10.50	5.25	
17.	CANADA 1970 Dollar in EXPO CASE	12.00	6.00	
18.	CANADA 1971 CASED Dollar	4.00	2.00	
19.	CANADA Large Cents 4pcs	12.00	6.00	
20.	CANADA Large Cents 5pcs	10.00	5.00	